



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: National Volunteer's Week
MEETING DATE: April 6, 2005
PREPARED BY Jerry J. Adams, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Mayor Beckman present a proclamation proclaiming the period of April 17 - 23, 2005 as National Volunteer's Week in the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Mayor has been requested to present a proclamation proclaiming the period of April 17 - 23, 2005 as National Volunteer's Week in the City of Lodi. Chief Jerry Adams will attend this meeting to accept the proclamation, along with Police Volunteer Supervisor, Jeanie Biskup representing the Lodi Police Partners.

The Lodi Police Partners Program has been in operation for eleven years, providing endless hours of service to the Lodi Police Department. In 2004 Partners donated 26,041 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$463,269.

The Lodi Police Chaplaincy Program **was** formed in February of 1994. There are currently six dedicated local clergy participating. Five are volunteers and one is a part-time paid position. (At the present time one of the volunteer Chaplains is on Active Duty in the Army, stationed in Kuwait.) They are an essential part of the Lodi Police Department, providing counseling and support in times of crisis and tragedy to police personnel and the public.

The Lodi Police Reserve Program has existed almost as long as the Police Department itself. Many of today's full-time officers began as Reserves, and many Reserves have also gone on to work for a variety of State and Federal agencies. There are currently three Reserve Officers volunteering their services with the Lodi Police Department.

The Lodi Police Cadet Program offers local youths between the ages of 16 and 24, the opportunity to volunteer and gain valuable experience during their high school and college years. Ten Cadets participate at the present time. Many of these young people go on to become Reserve Officers, and like the Reserves, they often become full-time Police Officers for Lodi and other cities. The Lodi Police Department also partners with Lodi Unified School District through an R.O.P. Police Academy Program for young people interested in a law enforcement career. The academy environment is actually based on the traditional academy for police officers. There are currently fifty-two Juniors and Seniors enrolled in the academy.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A


Jerry J. Adams
Chief of Police

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APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager